



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

*The Office of the Governor*  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

*WHEREAS, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and*

*WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees, and*

*WHEREAS, Arbor Day is observed throughout the nation and the world, and*

*WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of top soil, clean the air, produce oxygen, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature and provide habitat for wildlife, and*

*WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and*

*WHEREAS, over 18 million seedlings are hand-planted in Idaho's forests annually in addition to the millions nature plants, and*

*WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal,*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2005, to be*

**ARBOR DAY**

*in Idaho.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this twenty-third day of March in the year of our Lord two-thousand and five and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fifteenth.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dirk Kempthorne".

DIRK KEMPTHORNE  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Yursa".

BEN YURSA  
SECRETARY OF STATE